

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
EASTERN DIVISION**

MARQUINTAS D. WALKER,**Plaintiff,****v.****PORTER CABLE / DELTA,****Defendant.****NO. 04-1176 T/An**

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint filed on March 15, 2005. For the reasons set forth below, the Motion is **GRANTED**.

A pleading may be amended "only by leave of court . . . and leave shall be freely given when justice so requires." Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). "In deciding whether to allow an amendment, the court should consider the delay in filing, the lack of notice to the opposing party, bad faith by the moving party, repeated failure to cure deficiencies by previous amendments, undue prejudice to the opposing party, and futility of amendment." *Perkins v. Am. Elec. Power Fuel Supply, Inc.*, 246 F.3d 593, 605 (6th Cir. 2001).

In this case Plaintiff took the deposition of various defense witnesses on March 23, 2005. After taking these depositions, Plaintiff determined that claims under the Tennessee Human Rights Act were appropriate; therefore, Plaintiff has petitioned the Court for permission to amend her Complaint to add claims of race and gender discrimination/retaliation under the Tennessee Human Rights Act.

After review, the Court determines that Plaintiff's proposed amendments have not been made in bad faith, will not cause undue prejudice to Defendant, and are not futile. As such, for good cause shown and because leave to amend should be freely granted, the Motion to Amend is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall file her Amended Complaint within 11 days of entry of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. Thomas Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

S. THOMAS ANDERSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Date: April 22, 2005



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